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petitions the U.S. has ever had going to the World Championships. After placing in the top 10 m the sil-around in the 1988 Olympic Games, she wen the McDotold's Assertant Cup, the U.S. Challenge, McDotold's Challenge U.S.A. - U.SSR. The Tournament of Cottleas, and the U.S. Cymanatics Championthips. She's primed and ready to win some medials. "This training camp is the best one: "This training camp is the best one:

padge evaluate your routines, the giftin year relation push year, and, because of this, you improve."
"All the gift have put 110 percent into this training comp," said Kenin Brown, all Brown's Cyrmanian." They are weeking on fine brining their routines so they deem's loss that two or threetenths deduction." Brown is the each of lubrour. Words Brace and Like

Cheryl Jarrett of Capital Gyrmastics, coach of Sheryl Dundas and Suphater Woods, said. The improvements I



The U.S. Women's National Team in front of their new National Cymnastics Training Center, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

points already — not put tenths." She added, "There are a lot of great people behind as The USCF has been very supportive and given un-everything we have asked for to make this training camp a great success."

Center the foreign have other absorbance 115.

"I'm hoping to medal in bers and beam," said Hennich. "I'm psyched and to ady mentally, but I'm shill working on perforing everything physically." Sandy Woolbey and Johnt Bongotter from Desert Devils, coached by Stormy Fatur and Dane Auflers, say they are in

shifth all-accound, respectively.

"I've improved a lot — especially on floor," said Woolsey.

John Holman from Parketies and.

"The team is working swell together and, must of all, looks strong." The Parketter placed three athletes on the material team including Knisten Kennyer, Ken Kelly and Jeansfer Menser. They all are looking forward to the World Toam Trains in Tempe, Arra, on beyternber 22 and 28.

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sational team is training at the U.S. National Cymnastics Center for a three intersquad will be held to determine the anguitaff corressis of Bell Meade, Ed Woods

Mende, said. "Our team is yourse proprocessants they've made on comthe machine staff feel like we're on a

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offe Stack are realest each and februaris the U.S. Champsonships and Voorsenger The more congricuousl curve of 1988 beginner, both from Netrosko well also

he ton contenders. Other members of the sensor national team are Claurey now attending UCLA, Patrick Wolcocy sity of Oklahuma, and David St. Pierre. men are working extremely hard in

Teveryone is healthy and caper to learn new skills. We are point to incor-Renorald and "All of us one yourse and are working hard to get it."

Thus will mark the 25th year for the which is held bangually. A record. compete at this year's World Champt-

The adversaline is building and the U.S. sell arrecords awar the results

New JO Program Information

In the July/August 19800 of USA tence. Another article adentified the awards program for the various levels of achievement through the new peoexim. This article will discuss some of new program and will answer fre-

quently asked questions and concerns Age determination within the new program. The age that a gymnast wil official competitive are for that calen cember, 1989, however she will com 1999 - even though she is really only

12 and above. The awards, however, are based on individual achievement receive a blue ribbon, etc. For Levels 6: 10, the gymnasts are divided into the nation of meands board upon individ-

There have been numerous questions served. The JO Committee has estabcuted in Table One. gunnast is only required to show 75%

IV In 1989-90, all dance festing unit be Transition from Old to New, The IC ommendations to assist affiletes who have competed within the old system and are making the transition into the

Current HV to to ... to. . to registered competitive athletes from the 1984-89 program. All new athletes

Table Two will help the symmet I from helps to answer some of your manand her coach description at which level program. Table Three will show how

clanfication, the gymnasts' coaches should contact their State Chairman. It is hoped that the above informa-

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the USCF-to embrace the idea and belo Cart-Wheel-Athon Raises \$\$ For Clubs and Hall of Fame

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Jean Sundby, president of the (IGHOF), is again conducting a rationdollars while contributing to the preservation of the sport's history.

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honors in write with a comscore of 19 2t0. Woolsey placed first on bors with 9.249 Bangerter fumbed In the Flite Jurear A discsoon, Karolyi's gymnasts

Kim Zmeskal took the sold medalist Amonda Uherek scored 73,975. Amy Scherr fourth and fifth, respectively

Zmeskal won the wast and beam events while townmates Stokes and Uberek In the Fitte Issuer Roompetrupa. Karolyi's anan 73.220. Second place went to Tracilyn Sommer from North Stars with a score of

72 580 and Cara Lepper from CATS placed third with and beam with scores of Reid from Beno Flips won woult with an 18 250 and les-Berios wort floor with a score Day Of The Child, Sarajevo, Yugoslavia Rhythmic Gymnastics Invitational

By Pauline David

ay 23rd as "Day of a national boliday, hence the ally ranked 5th, coached by practice run for the upcomto the radges and coaches attending the meet. They were ate September. The trip offorded the U.S. delevation a ing, and very well-prepared crowed forestites as well as the



Laura David, Pauline David and This was one of the first big meets judged by the new PK Code of Points, and the emphasia was very much on

and Heave was 10th David qualiplacing a Soviet

Inthough David

radges who were pleased to

35.05. There was a The U.S. World Champsorship Team should have a them in Sameyo in Septem

Golden Sands Invitational By Charles Probles

he U.S delegation consisted of gymnists Denna Country USA: Scott Burrfrom and Engho Marrery from the University of Illinois Yoshi les Peebles was the men's

out Spring Break in the the whole family recluding rock concerts, amusement park scores cornests. The tion is only one of several sports being contested that week Conrad Voorsanger and Tim Ryan from Emilio Marrero from

the University of His-

There were twelve countion including Australia. Great Britain, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia.Romania. many, Cypris, Hungary,

Lister, coached by Kristi coached by Havasaki, placed women's judice Burr, coached by Mako on still rings and fourth on had two of their top men and

World Sports Fair

man's World



Stephanic Woods placed fourth on with a score of 9.325. two younger gymnasts. The

from Stanford Compastice young hose Their strategy Bob Fisher was the men's radge. Women sympasts were learnfer McKernan from

with 170 250. China with 169.60. Soviet Umon with from Kins and Stenforne 168 790 yed ITS with 164 20 and Dennis Meilly from Kros Li Ge with 56.7%. The U.S.'s and Elizabeth Holey was the Ryan familied tood for 16th with 55 050. Voorsanger On the men's side of comnlaced 18th with 54.95 Monfielded a top team. Both the During the event ámais

vaultand Marremotied with 9.550. On the women's 117.675. Ispan took Chusa placed third with 114.750 and the with 112.30 Syetlana

gumakan from the Soall-around with a to Yulia Kuti from slaced 10th with 37 4. followed closely in 11th place by Faurdo

with 37,025 Esternlaved 15th McKernen was unable to finknee mure managed to place in the top bers with a 9.850 and placed sixth on Soor with 9125 Woods placed fourth on beam.

with a score of 9325 and beam with a 8 675 The tree was a road ontime than our own. The members of the U.S. deternderstanding of lapen

Florida Sunshine

State Games By Marine Davidovich

his year marked the tenth armsin 37 different events. It was held in

Exythesis Gympastus competition featured Florida's top 13 athletes. Among the 13 were 1989 U.S. National Leach, Beth Opden and Christy Neu-



difficult catches - one of them with the foot - and outstanding flexibility

olace, and Paula Hil-

Jesenfer Leach in first place, with a 3475, from Miami, and in third place. ESULTS

Grand Prix Of Rome

By Ion Boulton he U.S. delegation uncluded own-scottward 39,10 and 39,050. With a scott

ornan, coaches Diane Stockard and Russ went to Dobre with a score of 990, and Firstness and unions Flame Thompson. Bonius took both brow and floor with Carada, Chora, Unsted States, Spain, France. Hangary, Italy, East Ger-

tas, slone with the Hun-Younge The host known

partition was a Kaledon Houseway of Soil. 19 279. There was a first place to our high garia, Mask Belle of East Germany, Marian Risan of Romenia and the two Italians, Paolo Bucci and Juri Check: As pared athletes in the competition.

At the Collinson: Dinos Stochard, Marina Neubauer, non and Elaine Thompson.

scores of 990 and a perfect 100 The men's all-around Chechs with a score of ton, with a score of \$5.80, was Alexandir Varphier

> burs (9 275) Beavi word the floor with a score of 9.650 and vault with a bur between Belle and Christin Chaya-Neubouer finished teath in the allscore was 9.475 on beam which was

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At the recent lunior Olympic Na-Dave White, Matt Hakala, and Tom WL the USCF gave service awards to inorStateCharmans. The following were Thomas, Raleigh Wilson, Dennis-The following were given Five Year Service Awards: Dave Spokel, Tim

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and it seems nothing can stop her now She not only won the most important compenses in the United Series, and three out of free event tibles, but she has scored two points above any of her

288 Clympics in Secul, South Kores
where she firshed an ourstanding 10th
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be worken's finisher for the U.S. He
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BY LUAN PESZEK

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can Cup. McDonald's Challenge: USA - USSR, Cottises. There was little for the suppers. Johnson. and coached by Keymand Rita Brown, is currently behand Daniela Siliyas from Romana and Svetlana Borninskaia from the

Johnson attributes her tors "I'm living with my family and my coach, Mr. lohnson.

When asked the onestion, "What's it like to be nes?", Brandy replied, "I don't think of myself as always someone right on your heels" However. sew in techniques bib incensfol nice to finally have a title After compulsories,

Johnson was way out in Sendy Woolsey, 16. from Stormy Enton In third Cymnastics Express In Bruce, 16. from Beown's Compastics and Juliet ert Devols, was in fifth After the optional

the all-avound round, the standings lebraen had wen the coached by Al Fong, flop, double full, pench front

with Woolsey Jermy Ester from Companies Coun Kristi Krafft, and Eruce was in 64th. Henrich placed nergh at last year's they and was and place performfact, after the competition, Henrich felt and her first

for "Extra Towoh."

the mistake only dropped tion, from second to third. Tough "The rickname aroms Ester used her optionals to got her well since she chapped a bone in her neck from mirth place to fourth only two months pelor to the place Figher also was the Championships, yet still youngest gymnaet, at age 14.

menuoed to offser second in Woolsey, 16, is coached by Stormy Enton, She had northtize when she fell on her secand ness - mond off. (lin-

Henrich jumped from third to accord in the all-arou when I faill because I never do

ships in the surror division.

only a good evernant, she's a

person, as well "

was pleased to firsth fourth. After compulsories I was in nunth, and I knew I had to hit optionals in order to place Ester's optional har score of 9.825 was the lughest score

of the compulsory and cetappel rounds of competition However, Esterfelled to moke

Wendy Bruce, from fifth in the all-around due to



As a first year senior, leany lister placed fourth all-around varit. Bruce, who normally horse and ended with a score scores a 9.7 or 9.8 on her Manage world Street same of only an 89 at this competicosches, trappurate tion. The sun down the nin-Verrelevalen in a report dellara bi way three times without potna over the horse because ruste Both Brown and Brown just couldn't get her store started to go back to the sale. right "

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erel Dandas and Stephame Woods placed zirth and existation Dentordal specificable

Kristen Kenower, from

scoring only and 50, which held her down in the allaround standings. Ke-

she scored a 9.70

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tempt Fortunately, Bruce

blocked out the necessor stru-

ation and completed a Youth enko layout which scored a

9.4. Henry politored a 5 de-

rience and being mentally prepared versus physically prepared," said Dandas. And mentally prepared she wis — Dundas' compulsery bearnscore wise the highest in the competition. "My strong points are dance and floodbillty," and dance and floodbillty," and

dance and flexibility," said Dundas. Woods, age 14, was the youngest competitor in the meet. She placed 10th in the all-around at her first U.S. Champton hippin the sension dention. Three

the all-oround on her first US Champies ships in the sensic divessor. "Three months ago Chryl and I saked Stephanie what her goals were and shessaid To place in the top 10 at the US. Chemponships' We told her that she was the new had on the block, lacked expressers and had a fee of words and had a fee of words and had been all the block of the place of the block of the goal to make the US. Chemponships', well lim

The lacrett's certainly

were pleasantly surprised



ucey Cole, Juliet Bungerter, Sandy Woolsey and Karen Themes art psychol before the competition.

when Woods placed 10th at the competition. "Stephene was the surprise of all surprises," said Jim Jureti. "We're extremely plassed Both Stephane and Steryl did outstanding," he added Last year Woods placed eath at Champtone flyes as paster and surse them has grown five tuches. The top 20 gyamaiss at the U.S. Champonenings.

make up the notional Item and will represent the USat morrantizumal events. Gymnasts who placed 1–10 are listed above. Gymnasts who placed 1–10 are Listed Parazirom from Brown's Gymnastics, coached by Kowanard Risa Browse; Chair Krught from American Gymnastics, coached by Beb Levenogue, Kim Keffly and Levenogue, Kim Keffly and Chevenogue, Kim Keffly and Demon Strays. Coached by Darkettes, coached by Darkettes, coached by Darkettes, and Davin

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petition, gyent finals, of the four events to befloor champion. Johnson front take, with a half for a score of 9.781. Holly Voorbeis from Saginaw

conched by Ricky ced with a 9.562 execuliant from handspring, front

Parkettes placed third with 9318 and Weekery placed fourth with a 9 793. even bees cham-

with a screen of 9.775 Howards Introducing the 1988 U.S. Wemen's National Companies Team. and Woobey placed third

Tohoson's score of 9.837 earned her the first place title

a 9 687 for the first place title served the entire U.S.Chempioeships competition for Rouser routine which earned a 9512 "Freeweste"

to Henrich with 9,675 and is the best way to describe

9:575 Bruce placed fourth time. She never stays in one

spot very long - she's On floor, Johnson earned always moving! Third place Dison scoring a 9,350 for



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RYAN REIGNS

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an, at aze 18, became the youngest national

men's champion since former U.S. Ohympian Bart Corner won as a 17-year-old in 1975. Ryan rallied to win the U.S. Championships on July 7 - 9. in Moonington, MN "When I was un school, the three R's stood for the radiments of a

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enodeduration including reading. writing and anthrostic. The three R's of gymnastics, especially in 1989, are Rwo. Ringuald and Racanelli " said Robert Cossan men's Young, strong, telented and

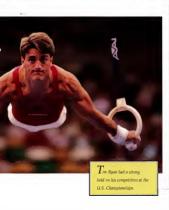
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hunsery, the top three junter peogr in products have base on its score to help lead the U.S. into the 1997 In addition, the U.S. has three

are Ryan. Rinonald & Racanelli "

returning Olymptons including Lance Rangneld, Kevin Davis and the national team, add the fine talents of Coread Voorserger, Kirksey, John Roethlisberger, Jarred Hanks, David St. Pierre and Chris Waller, and the U.S. has a great group.





Groce 1992 or the heavenum, thu was also the first helastquadgencium These kuts owerall are extremely pulsories, less than a half-The compulsories were unitated (if persent and the

optionals were weighted 40 and sample, the U.S. commilitaryes are weak and by gymnada will work there. innels Phonopher 1988 and now Each gymraat im-

A new role gut into effect at the Champtorolups was rule Each must do a skills on eyexcept viult.

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Chargey Umphrey put individual Canaly Unparey put 11 "D" skills, with most promonents hassing regree than

Mike Barra For the men's competition.

I spece Pinemals's marries performance belond him to earn the silver model

into place a few years and to national champion Mary would win the title. But Kyan, nowshowing their beachts," who was not the favorite

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nastics, rement they saw in Ryan. At the McDonald's Challenge CRATINE by should then competition trenth, at the NCAA's he Championships, he proved Tired for fields Sont's Vices

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contrate and stay focused on Many thought Renevald ended up as the gold medal-

top gymnest in the U.S. ist Indaet Repriserualiteire However, Binerald were edued out by a slight margin "I'm not disapported at still poing to the World

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Stanford evennest, took fourth in the allianound Voorsanger had an excellent

place in the all-ground comfor two sereks. When spenking with Coach Francis Allen before the conventition, he

tied the highest score of the

sand, "This is caliber," Days showed he is

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the all-around with a comtional score of

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ships, I didn't wanted to but my routines." Umphrey encountered foot doing a double layout

months ero. "Actually it might have helped me because I did a lot of strength

ska, placed explith in the Contrad Voorsanger He recently displays his high flying.

and condi-

Championships, however, he

sory round of competition Cities Gymnostics, placed bergerisfollowing in his famberger, John's father, was men's head coach at the Limversity of Minnesots. an Olympian and now comnotos for Mirmosota. Thome I made my family proud. I think I did." said Roethin-

sity's tradition of syrrenastics

Roethlisberger broke a freger on pensilel bers with one event, high ber, to go

He competed buch har with his injured finger and even Hanks, from the University of Oklahoma and

placed tenth in the allaround. Hanks, 19, has 18th in the all-ground St. Pierre and Waller. from UCLA, placed 11th and 12th respectively in the all-around. St. Pierre, 22, placed third and Waller.

20. placed eighth at the 1989 NCAA Chagrironmake up the U.S. Servor

for Elite Development Team includes Scott coached by Art Strurlock and Yelion Furnity, Dan-Zumpfer from Minnesona. coached by Ross Pestmon leff Lutz from Cymnast Marries William Roth Boh Steller from Nebraska, Charles Loop and Kyle Asano from Stanford.



tics, coached by Tom Dunn, Kerry Huston from Culhere's Gymnastics. School coached by Gene

The top seven on the senior national team will 1989 World Champson-

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mediate-flip flop, punch from one-and-n-quarter. He dismounted with a full-in, backpearly flawless routine earned him a 9.80 - home for

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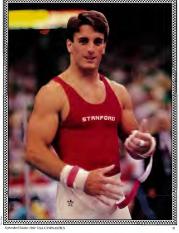
Center Valley, Pa., is excited, yet realistic, about his

victory.



maintains a high grade point average and hopes
to major in engineering. At the '89 U.S. Olympic Festival In
U.A.N. Oklahoma, Ryan talked about his recent National Champion
S.S.Z.E.K. ship title and his preparation for the World Championships.

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and Amy Schorr Come la Small Parkwood tival certainly proved the Koroly/s. Hilary Granch and Kelly tors, the average age was 12. | sooth and sevently and the average weight was 75 pounds. These eymnasis. rolys and Rick were small, impressive and loaded with talent! eventuets in the

pic Sports Festival, held in Oklahoma Oty, Okla., also Jurior National Champsonshow. Therefore, not only did the turiors compete on peted for the 16 spots on the Jurear National Tears Krra Zmeskel from Karo-Shanson Miller from Dy-

mond, Okla, were the favorites to win the competition competition prior to the compulsories, the Karohia CREW WAS FIREITING AWAY WITH the meet. Zmeskal was in teammates including "I'm sand Bela Karohi

Three is the round excitingyourgyer there's something zon. These little

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petitive atmosphere The Kambi kids hung round of competition. The impressive Miller, who placed third, and the Parkettes' Iara McCuown, who placed severth all-

and she was in the lead. She open are more strong and well. Kim is explosive strong. ready than any generation before. They've grown up here todayl and these are the characteristics of a good gym-

Another standout at the competition was Erica Stokes. also from Karolyi's With a score of 74.825. Stokes took ance been where she scored a 9 675. Stokes performed a awout with a full twist to a

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and bug - that is growing into and 55 pounds, Miller was the smallest of the 4000 ath-She placed third in the all-Miller was in necessal ber last tumbling pass, a Steve Numps, Miller's

Miller is small but errow.

tion, but we decided to go all double previously, but she's also made it. We knew she team and, sence these are the

or third place doesn't matter ing Uherek, 74 67%, Pitzen. placed fourth through sorth. The 45° and 65 pound

Uherekscored a 9 625 on baes.



The explosive Kim.
Zmeskal placed first in
the all-around.

mease for her floor rootine attracted a great deal of attention from the crossel. The massic resembled the sound of a bird. Pitzen, 13, may be taller than her teammans but may

as talented Pitzen, like her teamsaire Unerek, sooreether hyghest mork can best with a 9-50. Pitzen improved her standings since lest year at Champtonships. She had for 12th in the all-around last year and this year placed fifth, Schert, 4, dain't compete to her raparted log. On floor,

to the righted leg. On floor, she nearly fell on her less treatbling pies, a dealed leg. On floor, she nearly fell on her less treatbling pies, a dealed leg. An and a saved it. She also had a tough saved it. She also had a tough time on the bars — missing both of her release moves. "Boss is my favorite event and usually my best event," and Schorr. However, ficheer pulled it.

together on beam, the last event, to score a 9.650 and managed to place sixth in the all-around. "I have an excellent im-

presson of all the gais. They have the dedication, drawrand goals, such Karolys. "We see childish austakes but these little ones are children. You also see great performances."

You also see great performneces."

Seventh all-around, with a score of 73,50, was Jama McQuowa. Her five year ballet background was obvious from her set!-performed finer noutine. In fact.

McQuown and Zmeskal lied for the top compulsory/optional floor score with 19.0. McQuown transa at Parkettes in Allentowa, Pa., with Bill and Donna Strauss

Karolyt's Hilary Growch scored 73:125 all-stround for an eighth place firmsh. Grovich 12. has come upthe gymnastics ranks very quickly. She competred chastly in 1967, moved in class III in 1988 and

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heat except was been whose she scound her highest score Goss Inchner and Isra

10. Jackson, from Dynamo evennests the next six in the

Darw includes Donne Farm Steve Rhybode, Domerouse Densey from Mills Angels Compatite Team in Mary Hilly Jennifer Jones from Florida, and coached by Tim Rand, Helds Kave from

Parkettes in Permaylyanta. and cracked by Bill and

Donna Strauss, and Lizzy Walker from Oklahoma

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COMPETITION

n the team corrections. the East team deminated the competition, scoring nearly enterepretitive the North. The Kemerman and Lara Humphrey, The second place Nineth seven included: Midler lackson Jones Word Wolfer

childred Koon Managert I Bett Iona Reanton, McCupwa. Dos. Groveth, Uberek, Pitaen, Teoli Popertneyer and Eliza-



Stokes, Zmeskal and Scherr 1915 Each ranger stock her ranging from 9.425 to 9.75 9.75 on her routing to become

the floor champson During dieser, not to mention her powerful tumbine, includa round off floo floor, white flip flop, to double back for her second pass and a double

ne brieft bors beresse broaden loor with scores of 9.70 and All up all the irrecors one

coled gymnasts to represent the U.S. In future world

EVENT FINALS

catch a glumpse of the U.S. The past Chemote was is the time to bring out the new generation in gymnas-

tics. This group of gymnasts stage," said Bels Karolys. the neneron are clearer a creat

After seeing some magnifiout performances to the fithat this group is the cream of Scherr won the vault with escalated by the fact that she had an unknot lee. She cer-Zurakal and Beardon both 13, placed second and

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Lance Ringmald, who recertly placed secund allaround behind Tim Ryan at the U.S. Championships, scored 58,2 to win the Olymmy Festival fille in Cichihoma.

Oity, Okts. Not only did Rirgrald wan the competition, he also scored I S possits above his reseast competitor, Chancy Umphrey. "This meet was more relocing than the U.S. Charmiominps," and Ringrald. He medistily added, "It could

Tims meet was more retoring than the U.S. Cha mpitroships," and Ringmald. He medically added, "It could have been asyone winning the all-cound I think you'll see all of us switching places, wo're de fairtistly interchangeable."

Ringmald trans at Gold Cup in Albuqueeque, N.M., with his crach, ild Burch, with his crach, ild Burch.

Lance Ringnald - '89 U.S. Olympic Festival Champion.

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an the past," and Burch.
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lock and Yelun Farman, scored 56.55 and was on the beels of Umphrey, getting beat by only 15 "How this meet Being on teams makes the competition real exciting," said St. Pierre Headded, "Talso like the way

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lke Olympians." the U.S. Champsonships. "I didn't have a good meet that day," said St Pierre. "Today I competed more like In fourth place, with en Mike Recordly Recordly carned the lugbest score of the day - a 9.90 on his supeeb floor routine. When asked how his floor routine felt, he replied, 'Pannul' "I hat my foot on both ber routine so I was trying to stand up on all my tumbling



"I THINK YOU'LL SEE ALL OF US SWITCHING PLACES -WE'RE DEFINITELY INTERCHANGEABLE," SAID RINGNALD.

Tied for fifth with an allaround score of 56.25 were sity of Oklahoma - the sate Patrick Kirksey and Tom Schlosunger, both from the University of Nebraska Tim Ryan, 1989 National Champson, placed seventh in

"I was et my lifetime peak and then I crashed both mentally and nivercally. I am preparing for Worlds and

John Roethlisberger, Jarand Hanks and Ches Waller rounded out the top 10 in the University of Minnesota aroundatthe 1989 U.S. Chamof the Olympic Festival. Therefore, he was a favorite with the crossed. Jamed placed tenth at this year's U.S. Cham-Waller, 20, attends UCLA and placed 12th at the U.S.

COMPETITION

he East term seen the all-around team competition Sedao Harnada, consisted of Mike Mourci, Darren Ele. Chainey Umphrey, and St. Pierre The South team. coached by Mike Thomas,



and Hanks. Third place went to the North hunt, couched by Pater Kormans. The members included Scott Burnot. Kin Simons Gree Umphrey, Ryan, Keyin Bobby Karaht, included lair Lynch, Sumner Darling, sanger, Kirksey and Chris-

orcus Jordan, Dennis Har-

FINALS

Rungaald was the only eymnast to make finals in of the Myriad Arena with three gold modals - high bar parallel bars and floor everone. When asked if he was sax events In finels, I'm competing against eyes on their strongest event so it makes it real challenging." foor with scores of 9.65 and 9.90 on floor during the allaround competition, tried to bling proces and had a fill. tine esting and I was thurking mount for the gold. I came

going into this competition. poorly because I was too With scores of 9.60 and piaced second and third on

still rings event with 9.750 the key to winning was to mount," said Ryan.

Second place on still rings Racanelli and following close behind in third was Schleun-The yealt event went to | with scores of 9 60. * * * * *

Racanelli with a score of 9.70. drive and shoulder angle. I for second place on the vault

A confident Chris Waller displays his gold medal normal work during his floor routine.

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(36.35), lengfer Loyell (36.00). Laura Dayof (35 20) and Ico-

ruler Hasse (35:20) And it was no compulared that these

of correctition Positions

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leaster I could carned the right to connecte at the World

Afternound one, Surpson. the only 1988 Olympion to the load with a score of 37 850. 9.4 on rope, 9.45 on hoop, 9.60 on ball and 9.40 on the solden empire Wallenger stal-breath, with a score of I got the hubest all. around today that I've ever received but I still can improve in all four routines

unable to compete due to ill-

percorrow," said Lovell. Feldman, 1989 National Champion, sevend 36.80 for a third place standing. Tronget at all barrer weth lot better. I just need more

when she said. "Shura (Alexnew and difficult routeses -Destroyal or the place to have there out and I'm sere she will call the make to see see and



tine was performed to the out the cotors " Mu the upbest, fastpaced mosic," said Sylesky

rafer Hasse with an oilwas Hasse's first Olympic Festival competition strong in round two. I want

FINALS

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Nora Hitzel HAPPY ... sold. "Consis-BUT

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decided to relax and have been - and I did much better." Leonall from Mixes Turistproblems with two of her

name differential to seem a 940 on her last routing, the officer and bedond our mobile "I was so scored after I

Irina Vdovets, Diane's messed up my hoop and ball ing out. These enteres in the page of the

Another smaing face was from LA Lights Howse placed World Champtonships. to go the World Champion-

It was interesting to note legesfer, fenrefer Leach, a pastacs Academy in Flenda. "I had more fun competone at this meet then eav other " said Leach Courb Merina Davidovich was top junior in the competition.

Leach was followed by

Charlene Edwards, 19, who

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